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Title of Invention: 7-ALKOXYCOUMARINS AS CYP2C9 SUBSTRATES

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Washington D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

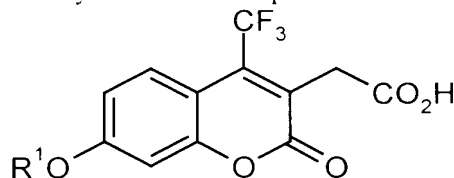
Sir:

Preliminary to calculating filing fees and examining this application,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9 and replace with new claims 10-20 as follows:

--10. An assay for testing for inhibitors of the enzyme CYP2C9 which
comprises contacting the enzyme and a compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein R¹ represents C₁₋₂alkyl, with a test compound and measuring inhibition
of O-dealkylation of the compound of formula (I) by the enzyme.

11. The assay according to claim 10 wherein R¹ is methyl.

12. The assay according to claim 10 wherein inhibition of